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**PATENT** 

Attorney Docket No. SIC-99-036

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re application of:       |   |   | Examiner: M. Charles |
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| YOSHIAKI NANKO, et al       |   | ) | Art Unit: 3682       |
| Application No.: 09/474,916 |   |   |                      |
| Filed: December 29, 1999    |   | ) | AMENDMENT            |
| For:                        | DRIVE MECHANISM FOR A BICYCLE TRANSMISSION ASSIST | ) |                      |

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

**MECHANISM** 

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Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed April 2, 2002. A petition to extend time to respond accompanies this amendment. Kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following new claims:

- 39. The drive mechanism according to claim 1 wherein the first abutment extends radially outwardly from a radially outermost surface of the crank arm.
- 40. The drive mechanism according to claim 6 wherein the annular drive ring is disposed between the first abutment and an outer peripheral surface of the crank arm so that the abutment is disposed radially outwardly from the outer peripheral surface of the crank arm.

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Claims 1-36 and 38 are pending. Claims 39 and 40 have been added.

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Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 with copies of cited references.
- [X] Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).

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Respectfully submitted, **DELAND LAW OFFICE** 

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